

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Shelter-in-Place: Simple, Easy and Safe

While significant safety measures exist to protect communities against chemical emergencies, emergencies may occur anywhere hazardous materials are manufactured, stored, or transported.

But would you know what to do in case of such an emergency?

Sheltering in place offers immediate and substantial, short-term protection during an emergency.

When instructed to shelter-in-place by public safety officials follow these three steps:



Go indoors QUICKLY!
Exposure to hazardous chemicals is more likely outdoors.



- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off heating/cooling systems.
- Turn on a radio or television station that broadcasts emergency information.
- Use the phone **ONLY** for emergencies.
- Be patient and stay calm.

When the emergency broadcast system airs the "all clear" message:

- Open doors and windows
- Turn on heating/cooling systems to ventilate the house
- Go outside



If an emergency requires you to evacuate the area, do so only after public safety officials have instructed you to do so. Evacuation instructions will be announced over the emergency broadcast system.

Emergency Broadcast stations for New Castle County are:

Primary — WDEL - AM 1150 KHz - WSTW - FM 93.7 MHz

Secondary — WJBR - AM 1290 KHz - WJBR - FM 99.5 MHz



For more information about sheltering in place and additional emergency procedures, please call the New Castle County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at (302) 395-3600/3633.